



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5691

LCO No. 1152

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE
AND SPECIAL NEED SUBSIDIES FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the sum of ____ dollars be appropriated to the Department of
2 Children and Families, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
3 ending June 30, 2010, for the purpose of providing postsecondary
4 education assistance up to the full cost of tuition at The University of
5 Connecticut at Storrs for children who are (1) adopted through the
6 department's foster care program, or (2) participating in the
7 department's subsidized guardianship program. It is further proposed
8 that section 17a-117 of the general statutes be amended to (A) prohibit
9 the Commissioner of Children and Families from considering the date
10 on which a child is adopted when calculating a special need subsidy,
11 and (B) require the department to extend the special need subsidy until
12 an adopted child reaches age twenty-three, provided such child is
13 enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary education program deemed
14 appropriate by the commissioner.

Statement of Purpose:

To achieve permanency for more Connecticut children.